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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING FOR ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS IN
SOVEREIGN CHALLENGE CONFERENCE

¶1. (U) In accordance with Leahy Vetting requirements, post has conducted a review of available information on the Italian Military Officers who have been selected as potential attendees at the the 4th Annual Sovereign Challenge Foreign Military AttachQ (FMA) conference 17-20 November 2008 at Hurlburt Field, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, sponsored by U. S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). Upon conclusion of the review, post has determined that it possesses no credible evidence of gross violations of human rights by the following Italian military officers (all of whom are attaches accredited to Washington D.C.) as of 15 October 2008:

Mirco Zuliani, Brigadier General, Defense Attache and Defense Cooperation Chief. (A graduate of the War College and therefore previously vetted);

Pietro Serino, Brigadier General, Defense Attache;

Maurizio Ertreo, Captain, Naval Attache

Giorgio Russo, Colonel, Air Attache

Giovanni Adamo, LtCol, Asst Defense Attache

Enrico Rinaldi, LtCol, Asst Military Attache

Lorenzo Poliseno, LCdr, Asst Naval Attache

Antonio Genzano, LtCol, Asst Air Attache

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